

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3003
(Legislative Council)
(Tribal and State Relations Committee)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the extent to which the funding mechanisms and administrative structures of the federal, state, and county governments enhance or detract from the ability of the social service programs of tribal governments to meet the needs of tribal members.

WHEREAS, the rate of population growth on the state's Indian reservations is one of the highest growth rates in the state; and

WHEREAS, high rates of poverty and unemployment on the state's Indian reservations require strong, sustainable tribal social service programs; and

WHEREAS, tribal social service offices should be involved in the Department of Human Services' budgeting process in consultation with the involvement of county social service offices; and

WHEREAS, involvement of tribal social service offices will help the state to identify social service needs on the state's reservations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Legislative Council study the extent to which the funding mechanisms and administrative structures of the federal, state, and county governments enhance or detract from the ability of the social service programs of tribal governments to meet the needs of tribal members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council assign this study to an interim Human Services Committee or other similar interim committee for study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.